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I. AWARDS OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER (DISTINGUISHED-FLYING CROSS):

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bull. 8, WD, 1926), a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster, in lieu of an additional Distinguished-Flying Cross, is awarded by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the South Pacific Area, to the following-named officers for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flights on transport missions. These flights were performed in combat areas where there was a possibility of enemy interception. Previous recognition that each has received makes his record one for emulation; his accomplishments being a credit to himself and the Army Air Forces.

WALTER R. MORITZ, JR., (O-727041), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, Navigator, for over 105 hours of operational air flights during the period of 6 September to 3 October 1943, making over 550 hours of such flights in which he has participated. Home Address: Rosedale, New York.

HOWARD B. SHOOK, (O-727052), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, Navigator, for over 100 hours of operational air flights during the period of 16 July to 31 August 1943, making over 540 hours of such flights in which he has participated. Home Address: South Bend, Indiana.

DON J. BERGSTROM, (O-2042752), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, Pilot, for over 106 hours of operational air flights during the period of 30 July to 16 September 1943, making over 605 hours of such flights in which he has participated. Home Address: Green Bay, Wisconsin.

II. AWARDS OF THE AIR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull. 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull. 49, WD, 1942), an Air Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the South Pacific Area, to the following-named officers and enlisted men for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained combat operational missions. Flights were of a hazardous nature during which enemy opposition was met, or during which an area was traversed where enemy antiaircraft fire was effective or where enemy fighter patrols were habitually encountered. Each individual exhibited great courage and untiring energy; his services reflecting highest credit on the military forces of the United States.

LINWOOD T. FLEMING, (O-900540), Captain, Air Corps, United States Army, as intelligence officer from 23 August to 20 November 1943. Home Address: Richmond, Virginia.

LAWRENCE P. BACHMANN, (O-914636), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as observer from 11 February to 29 February 1944. Home Address: Beverly Hills, California.

CYRUS R. RIXFORD, (O-917912), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as assistant intelligence officer from 26 August to 10 December 1943. Home Address: Denver, Colorado.

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II. AWARDS OF THE AIR MEDAL (Cont'd.):

DALLAS D. CLAYPOOL, (0-742672), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as pilot from 13 January to 11 February 1944. Home Address: Mansville, Ohio.

VINCENT M. JENSEN, (0-738166), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as pilot from 22 December 1943 to 14 January 1944. Home Address: Audubon, Iowa.

JACK W. McMILLAN, (0-677541), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as copilot from 20 December 1943 to 12 January 1944. Home Address: San Francisco, California.

CARL E. PITTS, (0-407961), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as pilot from 30 December 1943 to 22 January 1944. Home Address: Crane, Texas.

CLAUDE B. SIMMONS, (0-525554), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as pilot from 24 October to 17 November 1943. Home Address: Cavalier, North Dakota.

RALPH C. TITTLE, (0-741723), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as navigator bombardier from 2 January to 22 January 1944. Home Address: Detroit, Michigan.

WILLIAM T. COLE, (15103101), Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army, as aerial engineer armorer gunner from 22 December 1943 to 14 January 1944. Home Address: Cleveland, Ohio.

JOHN LUBAS, (31193736), Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army, as aerial radio operator gunner from 2 January to 22 January 1944. Home Address: Stratford, Connecticut.

JOSEPH A. BERNARD, JR., (38193322), Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army, as armorer gunner from 3 January to 30 January 1944. Home Address: New Orleans, Louisiana.

JAMES C. GOOLSBY, (14140120), Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army, as armorer gunner from 2 January to 27 January 1944. Home Address: Woodland, Georgia.

FRANCIS J. MERSCHER, (17019881), Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army, as aerial radio operator from 15 December 1943 to 28 January 1944. Home Address: St. Joseph, Missouri.

WILLIAM F. PUSHNICK, (33019652), Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army, as armorer gunner from 2 January to 22 January 1944. Home Address: Conemaugh, Pennsylvania.

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